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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2,6-12 and 14-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,6-12 and 14-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/10/06.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1> This action is in response to Applicant's amendment, filed 10.10.2006. Claims 1, 6, 7, 10 and 14 are amended. Claim 13 is cancelled. Claim 17 is added. Claims 1, 2, 6-12 and 14-17 are presented for further examination.

2> This is a final rejection.

Response to Arguments

3> Applicant amends the independent claims to incorporate the limitations from now cancelled claim 13 where "the request comprises a single IP packet that includes the network layer anycast address." Applicant argues that McCanne fails to teach "that a request for an information object at an anycast network address comprises a single IP packet that includes the network layer anycast address." Applicant's arguments, pg. 7, ¶3. The Office disagrees because McCanne teaches the claimed feature as claimed.

McCanne discloses:

"[t]he master AS advertises the anycast block--call this block "A"--across the wide area, again using BGP as if it were a normal IP network. Thus, in the configuration described so far, any packet sent to an address in block A from anywhere in the Internet is routed to the master AS" (emphasis added) [column 8 «lines 10-13»].

That is, McCanne discloses that a request packet being sent to the master AS will be addressed to a single particular anycast address in block A because the block consists of anycast addresses. McCanne discloses that "service nodes are capable of processing application-specific requests for content" (emphasis added) [column 3 «lines 48-50»]. It would have been reasonable to infer that the packets being transmitted to the master AS are

requests for content. Therefore, the packet being sent to a master AS for certain content (or an information object in Applicant's claim parlance) will be directed to an anycast address in block A. McCannie thus discloses a request sent to an information repository for an information object that comprises an IP packet that includes a network layer anycast address.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4> Claims 1, 2, 6 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 suffers from lack of proper antecedent basis: "the network layer anycast address".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5> Only those claims that have been amended by Applicant are formally addressed in this action. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action, see non-final rejection, filed 6.9.2006.

6> Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being anticipated by McCanne et al, U.S Patent No. 6.415.323 [“McCanne”], in view of Yamano, U.S Patent No. 6.314.088.

7> As to claim 1, McCanne discloses a method comprising:
selecting an information object repository to receive a request for an information object at an anycast network address, wherein the request comprises a single IP packet that includes the network layer anycast address [column 3 «lines 62-67» | column 8 «lines 10-13» : see response to arguments above];
receiving a request at an information object repository for an information object at an anycast network address [column 8 «lines 14-23» | column 11 «lines 58-62» where : McCanne’s ARN and the service nodes are analogous to repositories].
resolving the request to a corresponding unicast address for the information object [column 11 «lines 60-62» | column 15 «line 61» to column 16 «line 12» where : McCanne’s service nodes have unicast addresses].
McCanne does not explicitly disclose instructing the information object repository to obtain a copy of the information object at the corresponding unicast address.

8> McCanne does disclose that the repository is capable of servicing the clients' requests directly but does not explicitly disclose obtaining a copy at the corresponding unicast address [column 14 «lines 27-32» | column 16 «lines 3-11»]. Yamano discloses a repository (that receives an request for an object at an anycast address) that obtains a copy of the requested information object at a corresponding unicast address [Figure 5 | column 1 «lines 21-30» | column 4 «lines 30-36» | column 5 «line 64» to column 6 «line 15» where : Yamano's configuration server node 11 retrieves the object requested by the client from another server node's ATM address (unicast)]. Therefore Yamano teaches that a repository, that acts as a redirector such as one seen in McCanne, can also retrieve content from other repositories within the network. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been able to incorporate Yamano's functionalities into McCanne's repository (redirector) to allow the repository to retrieve content from other repositories at the corresponding unicast address to be able to directly service the request in the future. Since McCanne already teaches that his repository can directly handle content requests, implementing Yamano's teaching would only enhance McCanne's capabilities.

9> As to claim 6, McCanne discloses the method of claim 5 wherein the performance metrics comprise one or more of: reliability of a path from the selected information object repository, available bandwidth in said path, average delay from the selected information object repository to a source of the request, average processing delay at the selected information object repository and loads on the selected information object repository [column 17 «lines 45-46» | column 18 «lines 64-67» : monitors load characteristics].

10> As to claims 7 and 10, as they do not teach or further define over the prior art references, they are similarly rejected for at least the same reasons set forth for claim 1.

11> Claims 9, 12, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCanne and Yamano, in further view of an Kraft, U.S Patent No. 6.529.939.

12> Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over McCanne, Yamano and Kraft in view of McCanne, U.S Patent No. 6.611.872 ["McCanne.2"].

13> As to claim 17, McCanne does not disclose the single IP packet comprising the request for the network layer unicast address and the single IP packet comprising the response to the request for the network layer unicast address further comprise an IP header and a UDP header.

14> However, in the same field of invention, McCanne.2 discloses that the single IP packet comprising the request for the network layer unicast address and the single IP packet comprising the response to the request for the network layer unicast address further comprise an IP header and a UDP header [Figure 6 «items 204, 210, 220» (where overlay header is in UDP format) | column 4 «lines 54-56» | column 30 «lines 30-41» where : the packets sent through the network all have an IP header and a UDP overlay header]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McCanne's packets to include both IP and UDP headers as taught by McCanne.2. The benefits of incorporating both protocol

headers into a packet enable "clients to connect to overlay routers using unicast UDP or TCP through a redirection and location service" [McCanne.2, column 4 «lines 3-8»]. Note that McCanne is directed towards providing a redirection and location service [abstract].

Conclusion

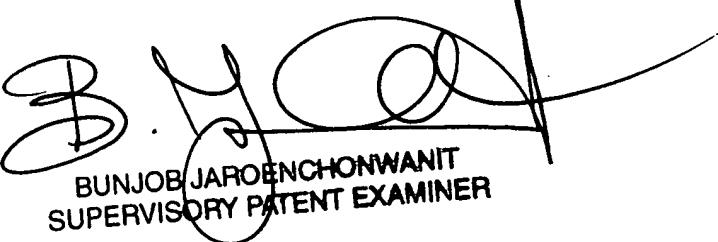
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dohm Chankong whose telephone number is 571.272.3942.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday [7:30 AM to 4:30 PM].

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571.272.3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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